DECISION TAKER: Cabinet Member for Built Environment – Councillor Russell Gordon-Smith

TITLE: COLDEN COMMON VILLAGE DESIGN STATEMENT

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WARD(S): COLDEN COMMON AND TWYFORD.

DECISION:

1. That the Design Guideline/Policies in the Colden Common Village Design Statement as set out in Appendix 3 of this report, be adopted as a Supplementary Planning Document.

2. That the 2012 Colden Common VDS be revoked as SPD following the adoption of the 2020 version.

3. That delegated authority be granted to the Strategic Planning Manager to make minor factual corrections and editing, in consultation with the Cabinet Member Built Environment, to finalise the Design Guidelines/Policies in the Colden Common Village Design statement, prior to publication on the Council website.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

This report seeks the adoption of the Colden Common Village Design Statement as a Supplementary Planning Document.

Village Design Statements are produced by local communities and provide guidance for the design of new developments within the local area. In order for these documents to carry as much weight as possible in the planning decision-making process they need to be adopted by the City Council as 'Supplementary Planning Documents' (SPD).

Across the Winchester District there are over 30 parishes/communities with adopted village/neighbourhood or local design statements, many of which were adopted some time ago. A number of local communities have updated their design

statements and this is to be welcomed, as this will provide more up to date guidance when determining planning applications.

A draft version of the Colden Common Village Design Statement (VDS) was published for public consultation on 10th May 2021 until 20th June 2021. This report summarises the comments received following consultation on the draft version of the VDS and recommends adoption of the document in its revised form.

These post consultation revisions are outlined in the schedule of comments and recommended responses in Appendix 1 and illustrated in the post-consultation version presented in Appendix 3. The report also seeks the revocation of the previous Colden Common VDS that dates from 2012.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

1. The City Council encourages the production of Village Design Statements by local communities, in order to improve the quality of development in local area and public involvement in the planning process. In order to carry as much weight as possible in determining planning applications, such Statements need to be adopted by the City Council as Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs).

2. The City Council could, as an alternative approach, informally adopt or endorse the VDS. However, this would carry less weight in determining planning applications. This approach is therefore not recommended.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None

DISPENSATION GRANTED BY CHIEF EXECUTIVE:

None

APPROVED BY: Russell Gordon-Smith DATE: 07.02.2022

Councillor Russell Gordon-Smith – Cabinet Member for Built Environment

APPENDICES:

Appendix 1: Summary of responses received and amendments.

Appendix 2 Important Green Space at Kiln Green, Hack Drive

Appendix 3 Colden Common Village Design Statement 2021 (showing proposed amendments) (attached separately)